

10TH ANNIVERSARY CLASS TO HOLD REUNION

The Class of 1928, which is to celebrate its tenth anniversary at the Alumni Reunion to be held on May 14, has the distinction of being the first class to be graduated under President Herlihy. Incidentally Dr. Herlihy is also completing his eleventh year as president of the Fitchburg Teachers College.

Thomas Carrigan, president of the Class of '28 and Miss Mary B. Mullen, member of the Alumni finance committee met last Saturday, March 26, and completed plans for one of the best and most unusual reunions ever held.

F. T. C. DEBATING TEAM DEFEATS SALEM TEACHERS

On Friday, March 18, the F. T. C. debating team defeated a strong team from Salem State Teachers. A new plan of giving one vote to each judge and one to the audience was followed, at the suggestion of the visitors. Judges were Att'y Philip Salny and the Rev. Lionel Whiston. Joseph Lalli, George T. Joseph and Helen Gibson made the victory possible for F. T. C.

This debate marked one of the "high spots" in the impressive schedule of the Debating Club. So far the Club has met Bay Path Institute at Springfield, (this was a radio debate), Fitchburg High Varsity, whom the Freshmen Team debated, Keene Normal, scheduled for March 16 but which Keene canceled because of an outbreak of typhoid fever at the school, Cushing Academy, home and away. Friday, April 1, the team of Donald Johnson, Helen Gibson, and Rus-

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Clarence F. Jones To Speak At M. S. A. Banquet Tuesday

TICKETS GO ON SALE FOR ROBERT FROST APRIL 11

The tickets for the Robert Frost lecture will go on sale April 11th, for the college students and the faculty members. The following day the general public will be able to secure tickets. The unreserved seats will be 50c and the reserved ones will sell for 75c.

The presidents of the Gaveleer and Mohawk Clubs, Matthew Godek and Milton Jeffrey, have been assured that in spite of the death of Mrs. Frost, the poet will fill his engagement.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Week of April 4

Monday

3:00—Intra-mural Volleyball
3:00—Baseball Practice

Tuesday

11:00—Assembly
12:30—Glee Club
12:40—Intra-mural Meeting
3:30—Baseball Practice
4:00—Girls' Volleyball
6:00—M. S. A. Banquet

Wednesday

3:00—Girls' Badminton
3:30—Baseball Practice

Thursday

11:00—Assembly
12:40—M. A. Board
3:30—Baseball Practice
4:00—Girls' Volleyball

Friday

12:00—The Stick is out

BANQUET TO BE HELD AT 6 P. M. AS USUAL IN PALMER HALL DORM

Clarence F. Jones of Clark University will be the speaker of the evening at the Men's Student Association Banquet to be held Tuesday evening, April 5, at 6:00 o'clock in Palmer Hall.

Professor Jones, who is secretary of the School of Geography, will give an illustrated lecture on South America, introducing material relating to European migrations into that continent and also up-to-date information concerning political conditions and present economic relationships with European countries. The lecture promises to be very interesting as it has been well received wherever it has been given.

Tickets for the banquet are on sale in the office. The price for commuters is 75c and for dormitory students 30c.

MOHAWKS DEFEAT GAVS WITH TWO POINT VICTORY

Monday night after the meetings of the Mohawks and Gaveleers, the two clubs played their annual basketball game at the college gym with the strong Mohawk team edging out the Gaveleers 46 to 44.

The game was peaceful enough in the opening quarter with the Mohawks doing a majority of the scoring. As the game progressed into the second and third quarters the playing be-

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STUDENT-FACULTY COMMITTEES

The Stick wishes to point out to the students the fine work being done by several joint Student Faculty committees. These committees work silently throughout the year and present their conclusions in the form of reports.

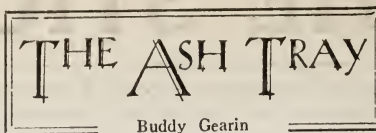
Last week the assembly committee's report clearly showed how little these committees have to work with and what wonderful results are expected of them.

The Student Unification Committee, which is meeting very faithfully three hours every week, will be the next committee to give its report. They are working on the problem of placement of the separate student government groups into one unified group.

OUR DEBATING CLUB

The Debating Society of this school, though unsupported by the student body, has made great strides toward making the name of our Teachers College mean something in debating. This club, though not of inposing numbers, has made an impressive record.

It seems evident, therefore, that we students should be taking



Spring, Spring, beautiful spring—tra-la-tra-la. It seems that some where I heard it said, "In the spring a young man's fancy," etc. Therefore I shall, at least, be thanked by the fair sex for this information on:

Men: Paragon or Parasite—

Men are what women marry. They have two feet, two hands, and sometimes two wives but they never have more than one dollar or one idea. Like turkish cigarettes, men are all made of the same material, the only difference being that some are a little more disguised than others.

Generally speaking, they may be classed into three classes namely: Husbands, Bachelors, and Widowers. An eligible bachelor is a mass of obstinacy entirely surrounded by suspicions. Husbands are of three varieties: Prizes, Surprises, and Consolation Prizes. Making a husband out of a man is one of the plastic arts known to civilization. It requires science, sculpture, common sense, faith, hope, charity—mostly charity

In short, He who loves and runs away will live to love another day. (A-M-E-N)

Lacky claims that the new waitress at one of local beaneries, is either a darn fool or a humorist. It seems that she brought him a glass of milk

a greater interest in this club, for what concerns our College obviously concerns us. The Debating society is not lax in its support of other clubs and school events and it therefore feels justified, and rightly so, in expecting support of the student body and the Faculty. This support can best be shown by your presence at the debates.

when he ordered extract of beef.

Found in a waste basket--this parody!

I think that I shall never see
Along the road an unscarred tree
With bark intact, all painted
white,
That no car has struck at night.
For every tree that's near the
road
Has caused some auto to be
towed
Sideswiping trees is done a lot
Heaven gave them eyes so they
could see
Yet any fool can hit a tree.

MASTER OF ARTS THESES ARE A BIG HEADACHE

The college as a whole is proud of its group of students who are working for their Master of Arts degree. We undergraduates sympathize with, and sometimes console, these Trojans as they toil in the library. As they walk along the corridors with knitted brows and blank expressions, a feeling of tenderness permeates our souls, and we feel called upon to give them a word of cheer. They are of course a very modest group, and it is a rather difficult job to make them wax eloquent in regard to the work of their respective theses. But we have managed by various kinds of probing to extract from a few of them an incomplete list of students and the probable fields in which they will write many hundreds of words, a number of footnotes and bibliographies. Here is the list:

R. E. Rothera - Extra - sensory perception (Card guessing)
Gerald Foley -- Junior College
John Powers -- Evening High School
W. Shaughnessy -- Comparative study of ethics in law, medicine and education
Lillian Lee -- Negro Education
Sidney White -- Radio Education
J. Daly -- Juvenile Delinquency
Frank Bennet -- Feeble-mindedness.

INDUSTRIAL ARTS MUSEUM STARTED AT F. T. C.

"One educational resource commonly overlooked by the Industrial Arts teacher is the museum," said Mr. James Hammond, who has started an Industrial Arts Museum here at the college. Already he has had many contributions, and the promise of many more. Several townspeople and faculty members have said they see unlimited possibilities of the museum being of service to students, alumni, and the community. As soon as adequate material has been collected, an exhibition will be displayed. A special room has been offered to use for the museum, but its location is being withheld for the present.

Mr. Hammond earnestly solicits the cooperation of everyone to help get this project on its way to success. Anything which may be used, which is considered "junk," will be accepted. Among the things which can be used are old tools, craftwork, glassware, and pottery. He expresses the hope that the museum would grow large enough to require separate quarters for itself so that it can constantly be available for public display.

E. S. P.—AN EXPLANATION OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE

The three letters, ESP—extra sensory perception—are causing a good deal of commotion in scientific circles today; especially is this true as regards the students in our own college. The man mainly responsible for this disturbance is Dr. Joseph B. Rhine of Duke University. His conception of ESP includes telepathy (Perception of thoughts by non-sensory means) and of objects by non-sensory means).

Rhine's methods are simple in determining whether a person is either clairvoyant or telepathic to a certain degree. The equip-

ment for the test is made-up of a deck of twenty-five cards bearing a total of five symbols: star, wavy-lines, square, plus sign, and circle. Thus, a deck consists of five circles, five wavy-lines, and the same number of stars, plus signs, and squares. (Any one of five fellows in school will be glad to show you such a deck).

In testing clairvoyance the deck is shuffled, cut, and laid face down upon the table. The subject (person being tested) tries to guess the proper sequence that these cards are in. There are many ramifications of this test but are irrelevant in an article of this short length. In the case of 'pure' telepathy the experimenter, although he does not work with a deck of cards, uses the same symbols and fixes in mind the first five which he will think of. After the experimenter has "concentration on the first one, the subject guesses what it is and this guess is recorded together with the symbol that the experimenter had in mind. This procedure continues for twenty-five cards, the end of which designates the first 'run'.

In the above tests the laws of chance play a very important role. For example—if the subject called twenty-five stars he could only possible get five right for there are but five stars in the entire deck. Five hits per twenty-five is the chance average. An average of eight hits per twenty-five for four runs or of six for thirty-six runs would be regarded as 'significant'. It is 150 to 1 then that chance is not the explanation.

In a recent telepathic test conducted at school one person was able to get fifteen hits on one run. This figure, in itself, is very significant. However, at the end of ten runs the average score had dropped to 5.8, a score which is not 'significant' and thus could be credited to chance alone. Another college student hit an average of 6.4 for twenty runs and

this score may be taken as very 'significant'. In four years of this work the author was able to find one person who averaged for twenty runs 10.5 hits—(if you are at all skeptical details will be furnished gladly).

ONCE UPON A TIME—

Once upon a time a little country boy was taken to the big city by his father to see Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. With eyes that fairly bulged with wonder he watched Buffalo Bill shoot from the back of his galloping white steed and break little glass balls that were thrown into the air. His heart beat fast as the Indian attacked the stage coach and a cheer escaped his lips when the cavalry charged to the rescue. All this and much more in the big tent fascinated the little fellow; however, it was in a small side show adjoining the exit that the most momentous event occurred.

It was momentous in that it influenced the lives and careers of both father and son. Strange too, for it was nothing more than a little white card. The little boy's name had been written beautifully on this card in ornamental penmanship. The remarkable thing about this card was that The Armless Wonder had written it with a pen held between the toes of his foot. The father looked at the card admiringly and said, "Son if that man can write that well with his feet, we can learn to do it with our hands."

The father's interest was genuine. He enrolled for a course in handwriting with a correspondence school.

Now the little boy has grown to manhood and cherishes as fond memories the happy evenings spent with his father at the oilcloth covered kitchen table, practicing miles of ovals and other penmanship exercises in the questionable light of an oil lamp.

A BOOK REVIEW OF "VANITY FAIR"

To Mr. Thackeray, on the appearance of his successful novel, "*Vanity Fair*".

William Thackeray, I offer you my heartiest congratulations on your classical-ranking novel of society—a perfect and complete embodiment of those peculiar forces and conditions embraced in the term "fashionable".

Your central figure, Becky Sharp, that transient type of social climber, cleverest, most immoral woman, is a lifelike masterpiece. From the time she tosses Johnson's dictionary, the last gift of her teacher, out of the window of the Sedley coach, to her final appearance on the stage of the novel, she never falters in the bluff game she is playing with society. And how cleverly you have contrasted her with the pretty, pink and white Amelia, all love and trust!

But, Mr. Thackeray, you are not as cold-blooded, nor as cruel and unsympathetic as you would have us believe.

You state (on exactly page 100, for I remember) that *Vanity Fair* (our world) was a vain, wicked, foolish place full of all sorts of humbugs, falsenesses, and pretensions. I, for one, don't believe that, Mr. Thackeray, and neither do you really. Despite your hard-hearted affectation, you want us to be sympathetic with your characters; you fairly plead with us for Major Dobbin's cause in his unflinching and stingily rewarded love for Amelia. Always lurking under the harsh, bright surface of events, you never miss the pathos.

Honestly, Mr. Thackeray, I'd wager you could have done just as excellent a job if you hadn't tried to tell us about every incident in every character's life. I find your otherwise excellent satire quite lengthy and sometimes extremely slow reading. I

think you lose a certain dramatic unity, too, in vaulting here and there from character to character.

You know, William Thackeray, I have a very queer sensation that you are telling me that I and my kind—common folk—are missing the really worthwhile things in life, that we grab at nothing and cling to it for the sake of something to cling to. Does that apply to all of us? If so, I don't like it.

Not one weakness of human nature, nor one fallacy of the gay world escaped you, did it? Your satire is so forceful that to me it plays like a scene or picture on a canvas.

And oh, William Thackeray, forgetting all other points, one inimitable one for which I wish to commend you is that you did not pass eternal judgment upon your characters—they are alive to me now—not dead and finally disposed of. I often wonder what they are doing; I can see them in their particular circumstances and help them solve their difficulties. In this fact alone your dealings with these frequenters of *Vanity Fair* were handled with something of the indifference of the gods, and something, too, of their chivalry.

Your friend and admirer
Adah Parker

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The father became an excellent penman and largely because of this accomplishment, was able to progress rapidly from "Mule Skinner" (mule driver in a coal mine), to an executive position with a large steel company.

The little boy's interest in handwriting was even more pronounced. He specialized in the art and at present is the instructor in handwriting at the Fitchburg State Teachers College, and all because of The Armless Wonder who wrote with his foot

SPRING IS HERE!

Extra! Extra! Madame Spring made her debut Monday, March 21. Her coming out party was well attended by winter-weary worldlings. Robin Redbreast was the guest of honor and his after dinner speech proved very soothing to the guests who preferred to bask in the warm sun instead of bestirring themselves in the warm spring breeze imported by request from California. The effect of this party seems to have been felt by everyone in general, students in particular. That trite-worn phrase, "In the spring a young man's fancy" is apparently not as outmoded as last year's Easter hat, and how about the poetry writers who always blossom forth with the crocuses?

Perhaps Dr. April will remember to bring along the sulphur and molasses to waken the "nature-lovers" who fall asleep on their nature walk. Possible he will also be able to tell the feminine half of the school where the dollars for a new Easter hat are hiding out, along with some timely advice on how to concentrate on textbooks when the blue sky and the green grass say "Come hither and play."

THOUGHTS AT EASTER TIME

The voice of a pessimist warns me
That there is no good at all!

That men are selfish, cruel, and
vain—

And that God's being crucified
again.

Bitter Voice of time!

But the Voice of an optimist
beckons

To a future filled with faith,
Predicting that suffering and sin
will cease,

And that man will wage a war for
peace.

This Voice is mine!

M. D'sken

S P O R T S

MEN'S SPORTS

INTRA-MURAL BASKETBALL

Last Friday afternoon the Sophomore P. A. basketball team put the Intra-Mural basketball championship in the bag when they polished off the Junior G. M. 30 to 13.

The battle was close for the first few minutes of play but the Sophomore team started to gradually break away, making some effective shots from around their own foul line. After this the Sophomores had no trouble in keeping the lead and when referee Matty Godek blew his whistle to end the game, the Sophomore P.A. had won their first Intra-Mural championship.

Guilfoil and Gearan showed skill for the losers while English and O'Connell were effective for the Sophomores in both their offensive and defensive efforts.

Soph P. A. Results

Soph. P.A. - 21,	Sen. G.M. - 2
Soph. P.A. - 16,	Jun. G.M. - 17
Soph. P.A. - 25,	Fr. G.M. - 10
Soph. P.A. - 30	Sen. P.A. - 17
Soph. P.A. - 32,	Fr. P.A. - 24
Soph. P.A. - 31,	J.V.S. - 20
Soph. P.A. - 24,	Sen.P.A. - 17
Soph. P. A.-2 forfeit	Jr. G. M.-0
Soph. P.A. - 30,	Jr. G.M. - 13

Total Points 209 120
Games Won - 8 Games Lost - 1

Scoring

O'Connell - 63 points
English - 62 points
Kosciusko - 41 points
Gittzus - 20 points
Sweeney - 17 points
Loiko - 4 points
Matthews - 2 points

Total Points-209

TENNIS

On the first day of Spring,

this year's tennis team under the direction of Coach Ed O'Sheasy and Captain Thornton Pettee got under way. This is a month earlier than last year's regular practice. The B. F. Brown tennis courts served for the first two days of practice, but since then one of our own courts has been conditioned and is now in use. All men who are interested in this sport are urged to turn out,

The team has a good schedule in front of them and from all indications they will go places this season. The season's schedule will be in next week's "Stick".

N. E. T. C. A. C.

Last Saturday at the meeting of the New England Teachers College Athletic Conference in Boston, Ray Creamer was selected as right guard on the all conference basketball team. Joe Daniels was also honored by being picked as center on the second team.

Both Ray and Joe were outstanding players of the season for Fitchburg in their positions as coach and captain respectively. Fitchburg should be proud of these two athletes.

The Conference All Star first and second teams are listed as follows;

First Team

Brenner lf	Salem, Mass.
Geber rf	Gorham, Maine
Gorman c	New Britain, Conn
Creamer rg	Fitchburg, Mass.
Connor lg	School of Education, R.I.

Second Team

Russell f	Farmington, Maine
De Bloias f	Hyannis, Mass.
Daniels c	Fitchburg, Mass.
Convoy g	Farmington, Maine
Austin g	Gorham, Maine

Fitchburg's physical director, Mr. Healy, represented our school at the conference. He reports that

five schools have sent in their applications for joining the conference and if these applications are accepted it will more than likely necessitate the dividing of the conference into state groups.

WOMEN'S SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL

The Sophomores came from behind to defeat the Juniors, 26-23, in the first volleyball game of the season on Tuesday, March 29, in the gym.

The Juniors, captained by Claire Salmon, easily outplayed the Sophomores during the first half which ended with the score 18-6 in favor of the Juniors.

The Sophomores, captained by Bernice Cleaves, staged a comeback in the second half when, amid much furor and excitement, they tied the Juniors' score and finally overcame them by a three point lead.

It was evident throughout the game that the establishment of the new rules has resulted in more stimulated playing.

BADMINTON

Miss Bolger and Miss Stafford become F.T.C.'s badminton champions when they defeated Ruth Hughes and Mary Disken in the final match of the women's doubles tournament on Thursday, March 24, in the gym. The champions displayed their usual good teamwork in the sport, and Miss Stafford also demonstrated her belief that it is necessary to "talk as well as play a good game".

Mary Gargulinski and Alice Feehan were the successful participants of several matches and reached the semi-finals of the tournament. Many players were introduced to the sports this past season for the first time and have made remarkable progress thru their own initiative.

Campus Chatter

All of us have or will have to sooner or later assume the position of a trainer; therefore, hoping these exertions may be of some value, I present a sample test form with student answers.

Test 1 Form A
Identify the following:

1. Belle - feminine for gong.
2. General Motors - fearless soldier in the World War.
3. Tropic of Cancer - a rare disease.
4. Liver - an infernal organ.
5. Jordan Marsh - a swamp near Boston.
6. Etching - a ticklish feeling.
7. Symposium - like a symphony only not as bad.
8. Passive verb - a verb in which the subject is the sufferer such as: "He married her."
9. Sculptor - a man who makes faces and busts.

Answers from other types of tests.

1. Correct this: "The toast was drank in silence."
Answer: "The toast was eat in silence."
2. Doctors say fatal diseases are the worst.
3. We heard a horn blow, and we were struck in the back. Evidently a lady was trying to pass.
4. Three shots rang out. Two of the servants fell dead. The other went through his hat.
5. Our team fought pluckily but they were overpowdered.

The Question:

What boys danced the Virginia Reel back of what building the other warm morning when what instructor did not hold what class?

That Sophomore Murphy (John to be explicit) sure presents a spectacle worthy of any man's envy, as he parades through the corridors with his harem,

Monday, March 7 (yes 1938), the Black and Orange girls' basketball teams played the game deciding who would be champs this year. (Guess who won, because I won't tell.) Anyway, it seems as though every time Mary Disken made a basket, Lil Szocik (or perhaps the names go the other way around) probably said to herself, "I'll be back in a dash, like a flash, with a basket." But, I think, all spectators (including the one-man mob, honorable Thomas B. Sweeney) will agree it was a swell game played by all.

MOHAWKS DEFEAT GAVS

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came more and more exciting with the Hawks still making more than their share of the tallies. It was in the third quarter that the Gavs started to come into their own. They put on an offensive attack which was only stopped by the final whistle.

The game saw such stars in action as "Coach" Creamer, Sharpshooter "Irish" O'Connell, "Joe Cronin" Jeffrey for the Mohawks; besides "Gallop" Brac-onier, "Tarzan" Godek, and "Stinky" Savignano for the Gavers. Mr. Hammond and Mr. Underwood of the faculty were the officials for the game.

F. T. C. DEFEATS SALEM

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sell Gearin will meet Bay Path for a return debate at Fitchburg. This is the same team which represented F. T. C. at Springfield. The club hopes to meet Salem again and have the post-poned debate with Keene.

On Tuesday, March 29, at 3:00 P. M. in the small assembly our boys and Cushing Academy debated on the subject "Resolved: That the several states shall adopt the unicameral system of legislation." The affirmative side of the question was upheld by the Cushing Academy team composed of Paul Quimby and Edward Ouellete, each of whom gave one constructive speech and one rebuttal. The F. T. C. team argued for the negative, and was composed of Joseph Lalli and George Joseph who gave the constructive speeches, and James Sullivan and Helen Gibson who gave the rebuttals.

Despite the small number of people in the audience, the debaters were sufficiently motivated to give stirring talks. Our F. T. C. orators showed great skill, but were defeated by the strong Ashburnham team.

The judges were Mr. Kielty of the B. F. Brown faculty, and Mrs. Wolf. Miss Helen Mahoney ably directed the affairs as chairman, while Ruth Kasper was time-keeper.

It is reported that Mussolini has just perfected a new type of olive branch that shoots ten bullets a second.

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